

A photograph of the Southwestern Law School building, a prominent Art Deco structure with a central tower and decorative elements. The building is surrounded by palm trees and other greenery under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the top and bottom of the image.

**GENERAL LL.M. PROGRAM  
IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**SOUTHWESTERN  
LAW SCHOOL**

# AN INDIVIDUALIZED MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM

Effective post-J.D. legal study provides the opportunity to explore areas of the law in more depth through a **customized curriculum taught by leading experts** in a stimulating academic environment. At Southwestern Law School, we offer an outstanding Master of Laws (LL.M.) program that fulfills that promise.

Southwestern's flexible General LL.M. Program in Individualized Studies is designed for students who have already earned a law degree in the United States or abroad and would like to extend their legal studies in line with their own **personal and professional goals**.

As a student in Southwestern's LL.M. program, you can create your own curriculum from a selection of **over 150 courses** focused in the area of law that will be of the most benefit to you. The LL.M. degree requires 24 credit hours of post-J.D. coursework and may be completed on either a **full-time or part-time basis** and may begin in fall or spring.

You will be able to take advantage of Southwestern's **dynamic metropolitan location in the center of Los Angeles** and be part of a community that has produced trailblazers and leaders for more than 100 years. The law school's 10,000 alumni throughout the United States and 25 other countries include prominent public officials—from members of Congress to mayors, and over 200 judges—as well as founders of major law firms from coast to coast and general counsels of multinational corporations.

“Southwestern is a remarkable place with a rich tradition of making a difference in the futures of its students. The law school's innovative and collaborative spirit is part of its DNA. The faculty and countless graduates are committed to helping today's students contribute to the complex and challenging worlds they will occupy as professionals.”

– Dean Susan Westerberg Prager

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## A PERSONALIZED CURRICULUM

Each LL.M. student works closely with a Southwestern faculty advisor to develop a detailed course of study tailored to their own interests from a **comprehensive selection of over 150 electives and core courses**. Students may choose to concentrate in such areas as:

- Advocacy and Dispute Resolution
- American Law and Legal Systems
- Business Enterprise Organization and Practice
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts and Commercial Law
- Corporate Securities Law
- Criminal Law and Practice
- Employment and Labor Law
- Entertainment, Media and Intellectual Property Law\*
- Family and Juvenile Law
- International and Comparative Law
- International Business Law and Negotiation
- International Human Rights
- Jurisprudence and Legal History
- Public Interest/Civil Rights/Civil Liberties
- Real Property/Environmental Law/Land Use
- Technology Innovation and Commercialization
- Torts and Compensation Systems

\* Applicants interested in this area may wish to consider Southwestern's Entertainment and Media Law LL.M. program.

*Note:* This is just a sampling of the numerous possible course concentrations. The complete listing of current courses is available on pages 14-17 and on Southwestern's website.

### LL.M. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the LL.M. degree, students must complete **24 credit hours of post-J.D. coursework**, 12 of which must be earned at Southwestern. A maximum of 30 units may be applied to the LL.M. degree. Courses previously taken for credit for a J.D. or equivalent degree will not be counted toward the LL.M. degree.

Full-time students:

- Take 8 to 16 units per semester
- Typically complete degree within one academic year

Part-time students:

- Take 2 to 7 units per semester
- Typically complete degree within two academic years

*Note:* International students on F1 Visas are required to maintain full-time enrollment.

All students are required to complete all coursework for the LL.M. within four years. LL.M. students attend classes with Southwestern's J.D. students and have the flexibility of choosing courses offered in the day or evening. Southwestern offers several foundational courses specifically for internationally educated LL.M. students.

[www.swlaw.edu/academics/course\\_listings](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/course_listings)



The Southwestern campus (foreground) is only two miles from Downtown Los Angeles, courts, government offices and law firms.

# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN THE REAL WORLD

LL.M. students can participate in Southwestern’s stimulating clinics, externships and practicums to augment their studies.

## CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Clinic students work on real cases for academic credit under supervision of faculty who are practicing attorneys. The students take on heavy responsibility for strategy and execution of an array of legal matters and are often involved in cases from beginning to end.

Clinics include:

- Appellate Litigation Clinic
- Children’s Rights Clinic
- Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights Clinic
- Entertainment and the Arts Legal Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Street Law Clinic
- Youth Offender Parole Hearing Clinic

“You’ll find all of humanity here in Los Angeles—with all of their creativity, all of their promise and all of their problems waiting to be solved—a great laboratory for law students.”

– Professor Christopher D. Ruiz Cameron

## EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Southwestern’s Externship Program is one of the largest in the country and provides students with an opportunity to experience the attorney’s role in a variety of on-site placements. The **more than 150 legal settings** available range from the California Attorney General’s Office to Lionsgate Entertainment, from the Alliance for Children’s Rights to the District Attorney’s Office, and from the California Superior Court to the United States Court of Appeals.

## PRACTICUM PROGRAMS

In addition to externships and clinics, Southwestern offers practicums that provide real-world training in legal research, brief writing, client relations, negotiation and oral argument.

Practicums open to LL.M. students include:

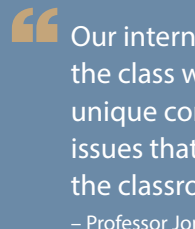
- Entertainment Law Firm Practicum
- Immigration Appeals Practicum
- Law Firm Practicum

# FACULTY VOICES



“I want my students to remember that the law evolves and that it is a great privilege of lawyers, from time to time, to have some influence over its direction and import.”

– Associate Dean Gowri Ramachandran



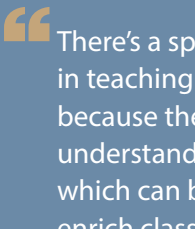
“Our international LL.M. students energize the class with their enthusiasm and offer unique comparative perspectives on legal issues that they share both in and out of the classroom.”

– Professor Jonathan Miller



“We have had the privilege of educating exceptional LL.M. students—many Fulbright scholars and talented lawyers from around the globe. As they learn about American law, they enrich the diversity of our school and bring stimulating new perspectives to the classroom experience.”

– Vice Dean Anahid Gharakhanian



“There’s a special challenge and enjoyment in teaching foreign LL.M. students because the students already have an understanding of foreign legal cultures, which can be employed by professors to enrich class discussions and enable the development of valuable perspectives.”

– Professor Robert Lutz



“In Intellectual Property, I love being able to contemplate with students the copyrightability of tattoos and yoga sequences, the competing rights of recording artists and politicians in the use of pop music in campaigns, or the clash between the copyright interests of celebrity photographers and the First Amendment rights of bloggers.”

– Professor John Tehranian



“I like witnessing students falling in love with the law and helping them see its importance, its beauty and its flaws.”

– Professor Hila Keren



“Southwestern’s LL.M. program enables students to immerse themselves in the practice of law with the city of Los Angeles as their classroom. They can enrich their legal knowledge as well as their legal skill sets through a variety of classes. They can gain direct experience in some of the most fascinating judicial, advocacy, and transactional work that goes on in this city by participating in our clinics and our extensive externship program. In short, Southwestern offers the tools to bridge knowledge and experience, doctrine and application, study and practice—all in the setting of one of the most vibrant cities in the world.”

– Professor Priya Gupta  
Faculty Director of the General LL.M. Program



# DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS INSPIRING MENTORS

Southwestern’s **full-time faculty include internationally recognized experts** in antitrust, civil rights, criminal justice, entertainment and media, environmental, human rights, intellectual property, international, technology, and trial and appellate advocacy, among other areas of the law. They hold key posts in scholarly, professional and civic organizations and have addressed Presidential commissions, Senate hearings and world forums. Their textbooks, treatises and articles have been used in law classrooms across the country and cited in countless court opinions, and they appear regularly in the national and international print and broadcast media.

The **adjunct faculty of distinguished judges and attorneys** are known for their expertise in specialized practices and enjoy sharing their real-world knowledge with students in thought-provoking elective courses from Animal Law to Video Game Law.

As dynamic teachers, the faculty employ a **variety of instructional approaches** to engage students. Covering both theoretical and practical aspects of their subjects, they may encourage student participation through the Socratic method, lectures, open class discussions, small group projects, or interactive response systems.

The members of Southwestern’s faculty are dedicated to enhancing the quality of the classroom experience and providing personal attention to each student. They are accessible after class, in their offices, through email discussions, conducting special workshops, and hosting informal lunchtime gatherings.

“The Southwestern faculty is amazing! The professors are very approachable and helpful, making themselves available if we had any questions. Some even went so far as to have special office hours for students on weekends during exam periods.”

– Kristine Panosyan, Republic of Armenia

# LL.M. STUDENT VOICES



“Meeting people from different backgrounds and cultures—coming from both civil and common law legal systems—further opened my eyes and expanded my experiences. Learning alongside my diverse classmates was something that really added value to my time at Southwestern.”

– Matthew Giuliani, Australia



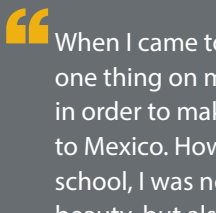
“I love the LL.M. program at Southwestern because I have a foot in the entertainment industry. The campus is central to Los Angeles—the entertainment capital of the world.”

– Caroline Stussi, Switzerland



“Southwestern has a very student-oriented approach—they focus on the students. They make sure you understand what you are studying, and if you face any kind of difficulties, they will guide you and help you find a solution.”

– Abel Emhaye, Eritrea



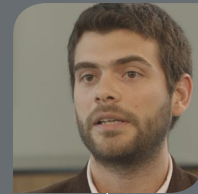
“When I came to Southwestern, I did so with only one thing on my mind—to learn the law here in order to make a difference when I go back to Mexico. However, upon arriving at the law school, I was not only delighted by its history and beauty, but also by its people. There was never a day when someone on campus did not make me feel happy, make me laugh, encourage me to go on, or make me feel a part of the Southwestern family.”

– Cristal Gonzalez Obregon, Mexico



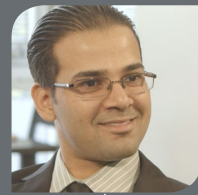
“Southwestern’s general LL.M. program gave me the opportunity to choose my classes, and that was very important to me because I was really interested in focusing on criminal law and human rights.”

– Mariano Gaitan, Argentina



“When I was researching law schools, the first thing I did was contact some attorneys and prospective employers in the Los Angeles area to ask their opinion about Southwestern Law School. The response was phenomenal. I decided this was the place for me to earn my LL.M. degree.”

– Siddharta Peddinti, Canada



“The LL.M. field trip to the L.A. Superior Court was really interesting, getting to know the courts, the judges, actually watching the criminal process as it runs every day. The most interesting thing, actually, was finding out that our system is not that different from the American system. Our process is not entirely oral as it is in America, but we are heading toward it, so it was like a glance into the future.”

– Federico Sergio Efron, Argentina



# A DIVERSE AND WELCOMING STUDENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT

The global perspective and varied backgrounds that are represented within the Southwestern community enhance the academic and cultural experience of all students. Recent LL.M. entering classes have included students from around the U.S. and countries such as:

- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Brazil
- Cameroon
- Canada
- Chile
- China
- Colombia
- Eritrea
- Germany
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Italy
- Japan
- Kenya
- Korea
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Nigeria
- Philippines
- Poland
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Sri Lanka
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Uganda
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Southwestern provides students with the opportunities, connections, resources and environment to ensure their success in and out of the classroom. LL.M. students participate in many of the cocurricular activities that enable students to hone their skills and keep connected to the community. A diverse selection of student organizations offer support and mentoring programs as well as **social and professional networks** and public service opportunities.

Students enrolled in Southwestern’s LL.M. program also have access to a variety of services related to **career planning and development** including individualized sessions with career counselors; access to the on-line job bank listings; resume and cover letter critiques; an extensive resource library; mock interviews; invitations to career days, practice panels, and networking events; and a series of workshops detailing all aspects of the job search process.

The LL.M. office is dedicated to working on an individual basis with students to help them become acclimated to Los Angeles and the law school. Services are designed to help students with all aspects of their Southwestern experience, from personalized **academic counseling and support programs** to small group excursions and other **cultural and recreational activities**.

“I greatly enjoy working closely with our international students from dozens of countries around the world. We want to ensure that they get the most out of their experience in class and in our city—from choosing the right courses to finding housing to touring Hollywood, and all the other unique aspects of Southwestern and Los Angeles!”

– Anne Wilson, Assistant Dean for General LL.M. and International Programs

# AN INSPIRING PLACE TO STUDY AND COLLABORATE

In the heart of Los Angeles, Southwestern has created an oasis for students and scholars that encourages contemplation and study as well as collaboration and community. Encompassing nearly two city blocks, the law school's campus includes the extraordinary **Bullocks Wilshire landmark** that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This exquisite 1929-era art deco structure has been transformed into a unique, multi-faceted facility that has raised the bar for legal education architecture.

## Our award-winning campus features:

- state-of-the-art multimedia technology in the classrooms, courtrooms and clinics
- wireless internet access
- elegant dining facilities and student lounges in restored historic areas
- large terraces with panoramic city views
- tranquil student commons and promenade plazas
- a 10,000-square-foot fitness center
- spacious, client-friendly clinical suites
- the Leigh H. Taylor Law Library, the second largest academic law library facility in California with a collection of more than a half million volumes
- the expansive Julian C. Dixon Courtroom and Advocacy Center
- two additional formal courtrooms
- modern, eco-friendly, on-campus student residences



- 1 Main Reference Room – First Floor, Law Library
- 2 The Julian C. Dixon Courtroom and Advocacy Center
- 3 The Porte Cochere entrance to the Bullocks Wilshire Building with terrazo star walkway
- 4 The Promenade between the Bullocks Wilshire Building and the Westmoreland Building
- 5 The Tea Room – Fifth Floor of the Bullocks Wilshire Building
- 6 Main ADR Room of the Julian C. Dixon Courtroom and Advocacy Center
- 7 Classroom
- 8 California Collection – First Floor, Law Library

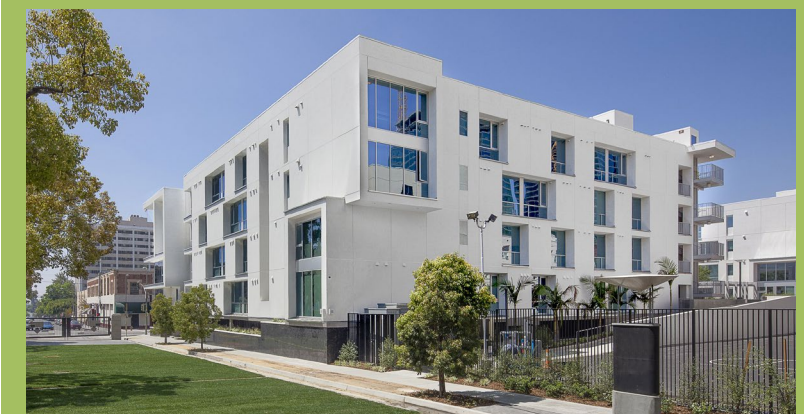
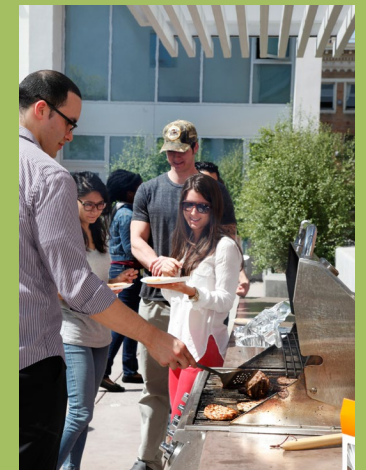
[www.swlaw.edu/campus](http://www.swlaw.edu/campus)



## ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING

LL.M. students are eligible to apply for Southwestern's beautiful **new on-campus student housing complex**, The Residences at 7th, which opened in Fall 2013 and offers:

- studio, one- or two-bedroom apartments
- furnishings with contemporary finishes
- floor-to-ceiling windows
- wireless internet access
- 42" high-definition televisions
- in-unit washer/dryers
- full kitchens
- business center
- private study rooms
- rooftop sundeck
- large central courtyard
- secured indoor parking for residents
- state-of-the-art security system



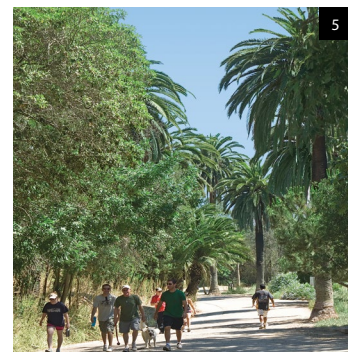
[www.swlaw.edu/studenthousing](http://www.swlaw.edu/studenthousing)

# LOS ANGELES: THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS

The city of Los Angeles is among the most exciting places in the world to study law. A thriving and colorful metropolis, it offers the distinctive Southern California lifestyle and a wealth of opportunities for law students. Southwestern plays an important role and derives tremendous advantages from its position in the center of this stimulating cosmopolitan city.

Los Angeles also offers **abundant recreational and cultural diversions**. Southwestern's campus is minutes from the Staples Center sports arena and the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a short drive from the buzzing nightlife of the Sunset Strip and West Hollywood, and less than a half hour from the bustling Venice Beach boardwalk, to name a few destinations.

There is a wide variety of living choices for students within a 30-minute drive from the campus. Southwestern's location on major bus routes and about **a block from the Wilshire/Vermont Metro Station** also provides convenient public transportation.



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- 1 Griffith Observatory
- 2 Staples Center
- 3 TCL Chinese Theatre
- 4 Museum of Contemporary Art
- 5 Runyon Canyon Park
- 6 Malibu Shoreline

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#### OPPOSITE PAGE

- Recent excursions:
- 1 California Science Center
  - 2 The Getty Villa in Malibu
  - 3 Hollywood Hills
  - 4 Los Angeles Civic Center and courthouses

“The excursions that Southwestern sets up for the international students are great because they allow us to see the practical aspects of the profession in the field, in real life.”

– Pilar Charrada, Chile



# CHOOSE YOUR OWN CURRICULUM

## A WIDE SELECTION OF COURSES

In consultation with a faculty advisor, LL.M. students are able to design an individualized course of study. Although courses often intersect several areas of law, the following list suggests groupings by subject matter, as well as faculty who teach those courses.

Courses may be listed under more than one category.

### Pre-LL.M. Program

#### ALLIES: American Legal Learning for Internationally Educated Students

The transition to studying law in a new legal culture can be challenging. The American classroom dynamic and grading process are often different from those at law schools in other countries. Entering LL.M. students are strongly encouraged to participate in the two-week ALLIES program designed to assist them with the transition to studying the American legal system while maximizing their opportunities for success. Students are introduced to best strategies for class preparation, outlining and final exams in a supportive small-group environment. ALLIES begins one to two weeks before regularly scheduled classes and is a requirement for every student enrolled in Introduction to American Law, Legal Process and Institutions.

“The ALLIES program was extremely useful—particularly because American universities don’t structure examinations in the same way as the universities that I previously attended.”

– Michael Wingrave, United Kingdom

#### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

*Aronovsky, Gunning, Knolton, Lutz*  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating

#### BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND PRACTICE

*Calnan, Dorff, Epstein, Fischer, Gendron, Grimes, Keren, Knipprath, Krimmel, Lutz, Scott, Sloan, Stier*  
Accounting for Lawyers  
Agency and Partnership  
Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Business Associations  
Business Planning  
Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law  
Cyberlaw  
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Law Agreements  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Executive Mind I: Power of Attention<sup>D</sup>  
Executive Mind II: Mastering Reaction<sup>D</sup>  
Externships  
Federal Corporate Taxation  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Law in Practice  
International Trade Law  
Labor Law  
Mergers and Acquisitions:

#### LL.M. FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Southwestern’s offering of courses specifically for internationally educated LL.M. students include:

- Introduction to American Law
- Legal Writing for LL.M. Students
- Contract Law, Skills, and Negotiation
- Practical Legal Research: LL.M.

Law, Strategy and Finance  
Products Liability  
Securities Regulation  
Strategic Alliances<sup>2</sup>

#### CIVIL LITIGATION AND ADVOCACY

*Aronovsky, Bassett, Cameron, Epstein, Gunning, Stier, Wood, Yokoyama*  
Administrative Law  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>2</sup>  
The Art of Persuasion<sup>2</sup>  
The Art of Storytelling<sup>2</sup>  
California Civil Litigation (Capstone)  
California Civil Procedure  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Civil Procedure I and II  
Class Actions  
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>1</sup>  
Federal Courts  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Evidence  
Externships

International Litigation and Arbitration  
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Remedies  
Social Science in the Courtroom (Capstone)  
Trial Advocacy

#### CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

*Calnan, Epstein, Grimes, Gunning, Gupta, Hoyos, Knipprath, Krimmel, Lind, Miller, Ramachandran, Shaffer, Tehranian, Wood*  
Comparative Constitutional Law  
Constitutional Law I and II  
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity  
Federal Courts  
Federal Indian Law  
Immigration Law  
Informal Systems of Order Seminar  
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar  
Mass Media Law  
Race and the Law Seminar  
Special Education Law Seminar

#### CONTRACTS AND COMMERCIAL LAW

*Calnan, Dorff, Hart, Keren, Knipprath, Krone, Sloan, Waisman*  
Antitrust Law  
Bankruptcy  
Contracts I and II  
Cyberlaw  
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Externships  
Insurance Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Law in Practice  
Mergers and Acquisitions: Law, Strategy and Finance  
Music Industry Contracts  
Sales

Secured Transactions  
Securities Regulation

#### CRIMINAL LAW AND PRACTICE

*Cammack, Carpenter, Garland, Grimes, Gunning, Heilman, Pugsley, Strader, VanLandingham*  
Antitrust Law  
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
Constitutional Criminal Procedure  
Criminal Law  
Criminal Law in Action<sup>1</sup>  
Criminal Law Seminar: Contemporary Issues  
Criminal Law Seminar: Sex Crimes  
Criminal Litigation in Practice  
Effective Communication in Criminal Practice<sup>1</sup>  
Evidence  
Externships  
Forensic Evidence  
Government Investigations and Prosecution  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>1</sup>  
Securities Regulation  
Selected Problems in Evidence (Evidence Lab)<sup>1</sup>  
Trial Advocacy  
White Collar Crime

#### EMPLOYMENT LAW

*Cameron, Ramachandran*  
Administrative Law  
DFEH Civil Rights Clinic  
Employment Discrimination Law  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Employment Law Survey  
Externships  
Immigration Law  
International Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
Labor Law  
Workers’ Compensation Law and Practice  
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations<sup>1</sup>

#### ENTERTAINMENT AND MEDIA LAW

*Cameron, Epstein, Faerman, Fagundes, Gendron, Krone, Lind, Scott, Tehranian*  
Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
Amateur Sports Law  
BEMLI Externship  
Comparative Media Law  
Copyright Law  
Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law  
Cyberlaw  
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity  
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>1</sup>  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Entertainment Law and Web 2.0  
Entertainment Law Blog  
Externships  
Financing and Distributing Independent Films  
Information Privacy Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
International Art Law  
International Business Transactions

International Entertainment Law  
International Sports Law  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
Law and Literature  
Law and Literature Seminar  
Law, Lawyers, and the Legal System in Film  
Mass Media Law  
Media as an International Human Right<sup>1</sup>  
Motion Picture Marketing and Distribution  
Motion Picture Production Law  
Music Industry Contracts  
The Music Publishing Industry  
Newsgathering Technologies  
Sports Law  
Telecommunications Law and Policy  
Television Production Law  
Trademark Law  
Video Game Law  
Writers Guild: Agreements and Negotiations<sup>1</sup>

#### FAMILY AND JUVENILE LAW

*Cohen, Fee, Ramos, Vázquez, Waisman, Waterstone*  
Children and the Law  
Community Property  
Externships  
Family Law  
Family Law Procedure and Practice  
Immigration Law  
Special Education Law Seminar  
Youth at Risk Seminar

#### ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Southwestern offers myriad programs and resources to promote students’ academic success and career advancement. Students can obtain help through the **Academic Success Program** and the **Writing Center** on anything from exam preparation strategies to effective cover letters.

## HEALTH LAW

*Abbott, Grimes*

Administrative Law  
Externships  
Health Care Regulation and Practice  
Insurance Law  
Medical Malpractice

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

*Abbott, Calnan, Epstein, Faerman, Fagundes, Gendron, Krone, Lind, Scott, Tehranian*

Advanced Entertainment Law Seminar  
Copyright Law  
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity  
Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Externships  
Fashion Law<sup>1</sup>  
Intellectual Property Law  
International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
International Art Law  
International Entertainment Law  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
Motion Picture Production Law  
Music Industry Contracts  
The Music Publishing Industry  
Patent Law  
Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
Television Production Law  
Trademark Law  
Video Game Law

## INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

*Cameron, Cammack, Epstein, Faerman, Grimes, Gunning, Gupta, Lutz, Miller, Scott, Stier, VanLandingham*  
Comparative Constitutional Law  
Comparative Media Law

Corruption and Government European Union<sup>1</sup>  
Externships  
Global Tort Litigation  
Immigration Law  
International and Comparative Copyright Law  
International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
International Art Law  
International Business Transactions  
International Entertainment Law  
International Labor and Employment Law Seminar  
International Law in Practice  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
International Protection of Human Rights  
International Sports Law  
International Trade Law  
Islamic Law  
Latin American Laws and Institutions  
Law and International Development  
Law Journal Seminar  
Media as an International Human Right<sup>1</sup>  
Public International Law  
U.S. Immigration Law and Mexico in the Age of Reform

## JURISPRUDENCE AND LEGAL HISTORY

*Calnan, Cammack, Epstein, Frost, Gunning, Gupta, Hart, Hoyos, Knipprath, Krimmel, McEvoy, Pugsley, Shaffer, Shafiroff, Sloan, Wood*  
American Legal History  
Federal Indian Law  
History of Contemporary Policy  
Informal Systems of Order Seminar  
Islamic Law  
Jurisprudence Seminar  
Law and International Development  
Law and Literature

Law and Literature Seminar  
Law and Religious Institutions Seminar  
Law and Rhetoric  
Law and Social Change – Obstacles and Opportunities  
Law and Society Seminar  
Legal Arguments about Moral and Political Issues Seminar  
Race and the Law Seminar  
Trial of Jesus Seminar

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS/ LAWYERING SKILLS/ SIMULATION COURSES

*Aronovsky, Bassett, Bateman, Berger, Caldwell, Cameron, Carpenter, Chorba, Cohen, D'Italia, Esposito, Fee, Frost, Garland, Gendron, Gharakhanian, Graver, Gunning, Knolton, Krone, Montz, Ramos, Rodriguez, Rolnick, Seki, Shafiroff, Stier, Strader, Taylor, Turner, VanLandingham, Vázquez, Walters, Waterstone, Whisman, Yokoyama*  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate Process and Opinion Drafting<sup>1</sup>  
The Art of Persuasion<sup>1</sup>  
The Art of Storytelling<sup>1</sup>  
Behavior-based Forensic Interviewing for Attorneys<sup>1</sup>  
BEMLI Externship  
Big and Medium Law Firm Practice  
Business Planning  
California Civil Litigation (Capstone)  
Children and the Law  
Civil Pretrial Practice  
Complex Criminal Litigation (Capstone)  
Construction Law, Drafting and Negotiation  
Courtroom Procedure 101<sup>1</sup>  
Criminal Law in Action<sup>1</sup>  
Criminal Litigation in Practice  
Cutting Edge: Emerging Issues in Entertainment Law

Drafting and Negotiating Video Game Agreements  
Drafting Business Contracts  
Drafting Technology Agreements  
Effective Communication in Criminal Practice<sup>1</sup>  
Employment Law (Capstone)  
Entertainment and Media Litigation<sup>1</sup>  
Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiation  
Entertainment Law (Capstone)  
Estate Planning and Drafting  
Executive Mind I: Power of Attention<sup>D</sup>  
Executive Mind II: Mastering Reaction<sup>D</sup>  
Externships  
Family Law Procedure and Practice  
Forensic Evidence  
Government Investigations and Prosecution  
International Law in Practice  
Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiating  
IP Licensing: Law and Practice  
Music Industry Contracts  
Patent Preparation and Prosecution  
Practical Lawyering Skills  
Practical Legal Research  
Property Transactions Practice  
Public Interest Law Practice  
Selected Problems in Evidence (Evidence Lab)<sup>1</sup>  
Small Law Practice Management  
Social Science in the Courtroom (Capstone)  
Strategic Alliances  
Television Production Law  
Trial Advocacy

“Our unique LL.M. writing course introduces foreign-educated lawyers to practice assignments American lawyers commonly produce, such as research memoranda and opinion letters. Class members are able to compare their legal experience to that of American lawyers and share their home country experiences with fellow students.”

– Professor Paul Bateman

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The American Justice System Seminar  
Animal Law  
Arts and Cultural Policy<sup>D</sup>  
Children and the Law  
Constitutional Law I and II  
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity  
Education Law  
Employment Discrimination Law  
Employment Law Survey  
Environmental Law  
Externships  
Federal Indian Law  
Immigration Law  
Immigration Law and Crimes<sup>1</sup>  
Information Privacy Law  
International Protection of Human Rights  
Labor Law  
Land Use Regulation  
Latin American Laws and Institutions  
Law and Social Change – Obstacles and Opportunities  
Public Interest Law Practice  
Race and the Law Seminar  
Women and the Law Seminar  
Youth at Risk Seminar

## REAL PROPERTY/ ENVIRONMENTAL LAW/ LAND USE

*Aronovsky, Fagundes, Fischer, Gupta, Hoyos, Krimmel, Lutz, McEvoy, Montz, Scott, Shaffer, Shafiroff, Wood*  
Community Property  
Construction Law, Drafting and Negotiation  
Environmental Law  
Externships  
Federal Indian Law  
Land Use Regulation  
Property  
Property Transactions Practice  
Real Estate Transactions  
Water Law

## TAXATION

*Berger, Krimmel, Shafiroff, Wood*  
Accounting for Lawyers  
Business Planning  
Estate and Gift Taxation  
Estate Planning and Drafting  
Externships  
Federal Corporate Taxation  
Survey of Federal Income Taxation  
Wills and Trusts



## TORTS AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS

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Class Actions  
Defamation, Privacy and Publicity  
Externships  
Foundations of Tort Law Seminar  
Global Tort Litigation  
Insurance Law  
Mass Tort Litigation (Capstone)  
Medical Malpractice

Products Liability  
Remedies  
Torts  
Workers' Compensation Law and Practice

1 – Offered in Summer Abroad Programs  
2 – Offered in the January Intersession  
D – Offered with The Drucker School  
Note: The list reflects courses in the current academic year and the past two years.

Course selection is subject to change. Some elective courses are not offered every year, and seminar topics vary from year to year. Course descriptions are available online at [www.swlaw.edu/academics/course\\_listings](http://www.swlaw.edu/academics/course_listings).

# LL.M. APPLICATION PROCESS & FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

To earn the LL.M. degree, students must successfully complete 24 credit hours of post-J.D. coursework, 12 of which must be taken at Southwestern. Courses previously taken for credit for a J.D. or equivalent degree will not be counted toward the LL.M. degree. The particular courses each candidate undertakes will depend on the individual's chosen area of concentration.

Internationally educated students will be required to take Introduction to American Law, Legal Process and Institutions. There is no written thesis required to qualify for the LL.M. degree.

Students may attend on either a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time students will usually complete their coursework in one year and part-time students will usually complete the program in two years, but all are required to complete all coursework for the LL.M. within four years.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the LL.M. Program is highly selective. A Juris Doctor (J.D.) or equivalent degree is required. A candidate applying from the United States must have completed the J.D. degree at a law school that is both ABA-approved and a member of the Association of American Law Schools. A law degree earned outside the United States must be from a university accredited in the country in which it is

located, or the candidate must be admitted to practice before the highest court in that country.

When reviewing candidates for the LL.M. Program, the Admissions Committee considers:

- academic record in law school and undergraduate school
- potential for distinguished performance in and contribution to the program
- professional experience and accomplishments
- letters of recommendation
- quality of Personal Statement

The objective of the admissions policy is to fill each class with the best students from an applicant pool consistent with the high quality standards of the program and the diversity of Southwestern. Successful candidates have generally graduated in the top half of their law school class.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The same application form is used for entry into the program for either the Fall or Spring semester. The application is available in electronic form at [LSAC.org](http://LSAC.org) (find direct links at [www.swlaw.edu/applyonline](http://www.swlaw.edu/applyonline)). Although online applications are preferred, applicants who wish to fill out a paper application may request a copy by contacting the General LL.M. Program Office (see contact information below).

Additional documentation not submitted electronically with the application may be sent to the General LL.M. Program Office via email, fax or U.S. mail (see contact information below). All materials (including letters of recommendation) must be clearly identified with the applicant's full name and LSAC account number.

For more information before applying, LL.M. candidates should review the detailed information on the Application Process page at [www.swlaw.edu/llmgeneral](http://www.swlaw.edu/llmgeneral).

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

LL.M. applicants are encouraged to apply by **June 1** for the Fall Semester and **November 1** for the Spring Semester. Applications submitted after those dates will be considered on an individual basis.

## ADMISSION TO THE BAR IN THE UNITED STATES

Each state sets its own criteria for qualification for the bar. Students who earn the LL.M. degree or Certificate of Completion may be eligible to take certain state bar examinations. Please be sure to contact the jurisdiction or state in which you wish to take the bar examination to determine their eligibility requirements to sit for the examination. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/llmgeneral](http://www.swlaw.edu/llmgeneral) and click on the Application Process page for more details. Information about the California State Bar Examination can be found at [www.calbar.ca.gov](http://www.calbar.ca.gov).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Southwestern offers a limited number of partial scholarships to entering LL.M. students every term. Scholarship awards for all entering international and domestic LL.M. students are determined based on the admissions application, including an applicant's interests and goals as stated in their personal statement, their professional experience and law school grades, letters of recommendation and other factors. All admitted students will automatically be considered for the scholarship. Additional information is available at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/genllm](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/types-of-aid/grants/genllm).

## OTHER FINANCIAL AID

Admitted students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply for federal and private educational loans. Some private educational lenders offer loans to international students who have a creditworthy cosigner who is a U.S. citizen. International students are encouraged to explore financial aid options from sources in their home countries. More detailed information is available online at [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid).

## TUITION

LL.M. students are charged by the unit. For current tuition info, please see [www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/tuition](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid/tuition).

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[www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid](http://www.swlaw.edu/student-services/financial-aid)

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Q: What is the application deadline?

A: The deadline is June 1 for the Fall Semester and November 1 for the Spring Semester.

### Q: How can I pay the \$60 application fee?

A: You may pay the application fee with a check or money order in U.S. funds, made payable to Southwestern Law School. You may also pay the fee using a credit card, either through the LSAC online application by selecting the Electronic Payment Option or by contacting the LL.M. Program Office for special handling procedures.

### Q: How can I check my status?

A: You may check your application status by contacting the LL.M. Program Office at (213) 738-5707 or [llmprogram@swlaw.edu](mailto:llmprogram@swlaw.edu).

### Q: Who should write my recommendation letters?

A: Letters of recommendation should be written by someone who knows you well and has had an opportunity to evaluate your work. Law school professors and job supervisors are good choices.

### Q: What kind of writing sample should I provide?

A: Your personal statement is considered your writing sample.

### Q: When will I be informed of a decision?

A: Decisions are usually mailed 2 to 3 weeks after all required documents have been received.

### Q: Will my application be placed on hold until all documents are provided?

A: Yes, applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee only after all the required documents have been received.

### Q: Should my transcripts be sealed and forwarded directly by my school?

A: Yes, only transcripts sent directly from your school are considered official.

### Q: Will I need to have my official transcripts sent to Southwestern prior to starting the program?

A: Yes, official transcripts are required from

all degree-granting institutions within 30 days following the first day of the student's first semester.

### Q: Do I need a J.D. from an ABA-approved law school?

A: Yes, applicants who studied law in the United States need to have received their J.D. degree from an ABA-approved law school. However, a law degree earned outside the United States must be from a university accredited in the country in which it is located, or the candidate must be admitted to practice before the highest court in that country.

### Q: Do I need to take the LSAT?

A: The LSAT is not a required test for the LL.M. Program.

### Q: Can I defer my enrollment?

A: If you are accepted and find you cannot enroll as originally intended, you can request a deferment for up to one academic year. Deferments are granted on a case-by-case basis.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Q: What is the structure of Southwestern's academic calendar?

A: Classes are taught on the semester system. The Fall Semester begins in mid-August and ends in mid-to-late December. The Spring Semester begins in early January and ends in mid-to-late May. Two semesters are considered one full academic year.

### Q: Can I start in the Fall or Spring?

A: Yes, you may begin your LL.M. studies in either the Fall or the Spring Semester. This preference should be noted when filling out the application.

### Q: How many units should I enroll in as a full-time student?

A: Students must enroll in a minimum of eight units to be considered full-time. However, the program will take three semesters to complete by taking the minimum number of units each semester. Typically, full-time students take 10 to 14 units per semester. A total of 24 units are required to complete the program.

### Q: Can I study part-time?

A: Yes, you may enroll as a part-time student, as classes are offered during the day or evening. International students who are in the United States on a student visa must maintain full-time enrollment.

### Q: Do you offer summer classes?

A: Yes, Southwestern offers a Summer Session, which begins in late May and ends in late July. Summer classes are generally taught in the evening. Continuing LL.M. students who are already enrolled at Southwestern may take summer classes. However, entering students may not commence the LL.M. Program in the summer (students may only commence in the Fall or Spring semesters).

### Q: Are LL.M. students eligible to participate in the externship program?

A: Domestic students are eligible for externships beginning in their second semester of study. International students holding a student visa are not eligible to participate until they have completed at least one full academic year.

### Q: Can I schedule an interview with a counselor prior to being admitted?

A: Yes, we encourage all prospective students to visit our campus. Appointments with a counselor may be made by contacting the LL.M. Program Office at (213) 738-5707 or [llmprogram@swlaw.edu](mailto:llmprogram@swlaw.edu).

### Q: Will the professors be available to discuss issues outside of the classroom?

A: Yes, all Southwestern professors have designated office hours so they may be available to answer questions or discuss classroom material with students on an individual basis.

### Q: How are LL.M. students graded?

A: LL.M. students whose first language is other than English and who received their law degree from a school outside the USA or Canada are graded using a non-letter grading system. These marks are High Honors, Honors, High Pass, Pass and Fail. Students may also choose the system using letter grades, with the same grading standards as the J.D. students if they intend to use this course of study to qualify to

sit for a bar examination. Graduates of ABA schools in the United States and law schools in Canada will be given letter grades.

### Q: Is the LL.M. offered only to foreign scholars?

A: No, graduates of ABA-approved law schools in the United States are eligible to apply, as well as internationally educated students with law degrees.

### Q: Is a written thesis required to qualify for the LL.M. degree?

A: No.

### Q: Is on-campus housing available?

A: Southwestern now offers on-campus housing. Completed in Fall of 2013, the fully furnished apartments are available to LL.M. students. The housing complex features wireless internet access, in-unit washer/dryers, private study rooms, a rooftop sundeck, secured indoor parking for residents, and a state-of-the-art security system among other amenities. Housing space is limited and not guaranteed.

The LL.M. Program Office also offers resources to help admitted students find local housing as well as help narrow or direct their search. Southwestern is conveniently located in the Wilshire Center area of Los Angeles, very close to a number of different apartment complexes. Students commute from a variety of areas in Los Angeles, and many choose to live in Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Burbank, and Glendale. Visit [www.swlaw.edu/campus/losangeles](http://www.swlaw.edu/campus/losangeles) for helpful links about moving to and living in Los Angeles, including A Guide to Living in Los Angeles, with helpful tips for students unfamiliar with the community.

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## INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED SCHOLARS

### Q: Should I take additional English classes?

A: Proficiency in English is essential to your success in your studies at Southwestern. The city of Los Angeles is home to a number of private institutions of language instruction. If you feel like you would benefit from additional language study, you may want to explore some of these options. However, Southwestern does not offer English language instruction.

### Q: Should I submit my transcripts for evaluation by a credentials evaluation service agency?

A: Yes. If you received your law degree from a university outside of the United States or Canada, it is important that you send all of your transcripts to a credentials evaluation service. A degree equivalency statement with an assessment of grade point average should be requested. The service will compile a report that assists the admissions committee in making a final decision.

### Q: From which agencies does Southwestern accept credentials evaluation reports?

A: A list of service providers' reports that may be accepted can be found on the Foreign Applicants page at [www.swlaw.edu/lmgeneral](http://www.swlaw.edu/lmgeneral).

### Q: Will I be able to sit for a bar examination when I finish this program?

A: This LL.M. program can be tailored for you to qualify to be able to take the bar exam in California. There may be other states in which you will qualify to sit for

the examination in that jurisdiction. We recommend that you contact the state bar examiners in the specific state in which you would like to practice to determine your eligibility.

**Please note:** the General LL.M. Program is **not** a bar preparation program; it is a degree program. While you may qualify to sit for a bar examination, you won't have had a chance to study every subject tested on the bar by the completion of your degree, so extensive additional study on your own prior to taking the exam is highly recommended.

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The mission of Southwestern Law School is to produce highly skilled graduates who are capable of integrating theory and practice to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. Through an excellent faculty committed to promoting the highest level of professionalism, Southwestern seeks to create a vibrant and diverse academic community with a student-centered approach to legal education. Southwestern Law School is approved by the American Bar Association<sup>1</sup> (1970) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (1972).

Since 1911, Southwestern Law School has served the public as a nonprofit, nonsectarian educational institution. Southwestern does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, medical condition, pregnancy, marital status, veteran/military status, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law in connection with admission to the school, or in the administration of any of its educational, employment, housing, financial aid, scholarship, or student activity programs. Nondiscrimination has been the policy of Southwestern since its founding. The law school also requires employers using its placement services and facilities to abide by these standards and to ensure that no such discrimination occurs in hiring, promotion, or compensation for work assignments.

It is the policy and practice of Southwestern Law School to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and state and local requirements regarding students and applicants with disabilities. No qualified individual with a disability shall be denied access to or participation in services, programs and activities of Southwestern Law School. Copies of the complete policy regarding students and applicants with disabilities may be obtained from the Admissions Office.

Southwestern Law School is a qualified exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Gifts to the law school are deductible from state and federal taxes.

Southwestern's *Viewbook*, *Student Handbook* and website have been designed to answer frequently asked questions concerning the admission process; the academic, financial aid, and placement programs; and the general policies and regulations of Southwestern Law School. These publications have been prepared with the best data available as of March 2015 regarding these matters as well as course offerings, tuition, fees, faculty, and administration. Information about grading, scholastic requirements, incompletes, attendance requirements, the honor code, and all rules, regulations, and procedures of the law school is published in the annual *Student Handbook*. Students should make sure they receive a copy of the Handbook when they commence their studies at Southwestern and familiarize themselves with its contents.

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